

THOSE THAT HAVE-GET BY A.T. WESTON



SLIGHTED A HERO.

Later on the Coaching Party Got a Startling Surprise.

A HOST WHO PROVED A SNOB.

He Thought His Guest Was Not Classy Enough to Travel With Him and His Friends, but Waked Up After Awhile to Find Him the Lion of the Day.

Here is one of Captain James A. Scrymser's best anecdotes, which he did not put in his volume of personal reminiscences of peace and war:

After the close of the war between the states in 1865 Secretary of War Stanton, at the suggestion of President Johnson, selected Major General Francis C. Barlow as the bearer of certain dispatches to the American minister, Mr. Adams, in London. It later developed that the main purpose of this mission was to allow the English army officials to know Major General Barlow, he being deemed by the president and secretary of war an excellent specimen of a youthful volunteer general, who had served gallantly throughout the war.

General Barlow sailed for England with his official dispatches, and shortly after his arrival he was presented to the Duke of Cambridge, then commander in chief of her majesty's forces, by Mr. Adams, our minister, and likewise to other high military officials.

Of course General Barlow received many invitations and was able to accept but few. One invitation which he did accept was for a week end party at the house of a well known major general of the British army, residing a few miles from Aldershot. On his arrival Barlow found a very gay house party, made up of distinguished social "lions and lionesses." I have not the slightest doubt that Barlow held his own in this distinguished company, although these high army officials of her majesty's service evidently drew a sharp line between volunteer and regular officers. This fact Barlow fully realized the Saturday morning after his arrival, when, much to his surprise, his host and ultra exclusive house guests departed for "a drive" in a four-in-hand coach, leaving General Barlow behind. No invitation had been extended to Barlow, and he was left alone on the piazza, being told by his hospitable host that there were a box of cigars and the London Times in the smoking room, which would keep him fairly well occupied until their return.

The coaching party had been absent about an hour when a troop of cavalry, commanded by a British officer, halted in front of the house. The officer asked for General Barlow and, upon meeting him, said that he was commanded by his royal highness the Duke of Cambridge to invite General Barlow to accept a review of her majesty's command (of some 10,000 men) at Aldershot at 2 o'clock that afternoon.

General Barlow gracefully accepted the invitation and, donning his "war paint," mounted an extra horse, which the Duke of Cambridge had thoughtfully provided for him, and started for Aldershot with his escort.

As Barlow and his escort approached the reviewing stand the band struck up "The Star Spangled Banner," all flags were dipped, and the Duke of Cambridge rode to the front and received General Barlow in a most courteous manner.

Naturally, General Barlow was the center of all eyes. Barlow was surprised to see the coaching party of his host directly in front of the reviewing stand. Its presence accounted for the early departure that morning. If General Barlow was surprised one can imagine the surprise and dismay shown by the gay host and his party when they discovered who was the hero of the day. General Barlow's host had during the morning drive supposedly learned of the intended review which was to be held, but had not the slightest idea it was to be in honor of his guest, the volunteer general from the States.

All sorts of apologies were offered, but General Barlow, in his dignified manner, politely let his host understand that he understood the situation perfectly and that he had evidently not been invited on the coaching party because he did not come up to the English standard of a major general in their eyes, despite the fact that he had probably seen more fighting than all the British officers on that field.

Barlow was urged to return, now that he was a "lion" in their eyes, but after such a slight he preferred to return to London, which he did, after leaving a polite but dry note of thanks and arranging for his valet to pack up his things and join him in London.—New York Post.

Thrifty.

"I fear my cousin is going to marry a very stingy man."

"Why so?"

"She suggested a morning wedding, but he said to make it after lunch on the ground that she would get one more meal at home."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Father's Baby, Willie's Lady.
"But my daughter's too young to marry, young man. She's just barely a miss."

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Crowns by Wholesale.

It is told of one of the ancient kings of Egypt that his coronation procession occupied a whole day in passing through the city of Alexandria and that 3,200 crowns of gold were carried by the servants. One crown was three feet in height and twenty-four feet in circumference. There were also carried in the procession sixty-four suits of golden armor, two boots of gold, four and a half feet in length; twelve golden basins, ten large vases of perfume for the baths, twelve ewers, fifty dishes and a large number of tables—all of gold. Twenty-three of the 3,200 crowns were valued at \$334,400, and it is not surprising that the procession was guarded by 90,000 soldiers.—St. James' Gazette.

Let Her in on This.

"I believe a man should be master in his own house," said the newly married man. "There can be only one head in a family, and I mean to be it." "That's a very good idea," answered his friend, who had been married more years than the other had lived. "a very good idea indeed. Have you spoken to your wife about it?"—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

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